

Resource Action Identification Form

1. **Name of Proposed Resource Action:** Protection of Cultural Resource Values at Foreman Creek – Relocate Car-Top Boat Ramp (C001)

2. **Proposed Resource Action – Please describe and include the following:**

- a. Describe the proposed Resource Action in as much detail as practical: Significant cultural resource values that are present in the Foreman Creek area are being adversely affected by use of the car-top boat ramp during periods of low water (below xxx feet). Protective measures to avoid or reduce impacts to key cultural resources located in this area are needed. These measures include relocating, or restricting use of, the existing car-top boat ramp. Coordination with the Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group is needed to identify the optimal solution.
- b. Any physical or operational changes:
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
If "yes," please explain: Current recreational use of the Foreman Creek car-top boat ramp would be relocated to a comparable, nearby location. This relocation would involve physical improvements such as new roadway, parking, etc.
- c. Proposed start date(s) and duration
Start design: February, 2007. Implement as soon as possible following environmental analysis and documentation. Desire is to have new car-top boat ramp in place by December of 2009.
Duration: Expect new ramp would be designed for use over a 30- to 50-year period.
- d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary)
☒ Inside ☐ Outside ☐ Don't know
Please specify possible location referring to the linked map (<http://orovillerelicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>), or providing a map as appropriate: Existing ramp is at Foreman Creek area, on northern shore of reservoir. New ramp should be located in same vicinity.
- e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate: A reduced level of cultural resource protection in the Foreman Creek area could be accomplished without relocating the existing car-top boat ramp, through use of physical barriers to minimize impacts during low water and active monitoring of adequacy of this protective measure.

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- f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluating success against the known resource goal(s): Relocation of the existing car-top boat ramp would be self-evident. Monitoring of site conditions would be needed to determine if this relocation was providing adequate protection from recreational use impacts. Current site conditions would be documented, thresholds to evaluate success, and monitoring requirements would be established prior to initiation of the proposed action.

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- g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action: Relocation of the car-top boat ramp appears feasible, but coordination with the Recreation and Socioeconomics, Engineering and Operations, and Land Use work groups, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Boating and Waterways, and other resource specialists is needed to ensure that the proposed action can be implemented without creating unknown significant adverse impacts.

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- h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:

- ☒ Land Use and Management
- ☒ Recreation & Socioeconomics
- ☒ Cultural Resources
- ☒ Engineering and Operations
- ☒ Environmental

3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:

- a. Organization name: Cultural Resources Work Group (CRWG)
- b. Preparer's name, phone number and e-mail address: Steve Heipel, (916) 414-5800, heipels@edaw.com
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- d. Date prepared: April 15, 2003
- e. Organization(s) represented by submitter: CRWG

4. Resource Goals:

- a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate: This Resource Action addresses a number of Cultural Resource goals oriented toward the desire to protect cultural resources in the Project area. Specific Resource Goals include:

CR02.01 – Evaluate the need (i.e., project effect, significance of resource) and methods to provide protection of cultural resources;

CR02.02 – Emphasize protection of all significant cultural resource values within the APE (including those that lie beneath the reservoir);

CR02.03 – Develop special protective measures for “high-risk” situations (e.g., sites exposed to potential damage during reservoir drawdowns or through recreational activities);

CR02.04 – Establish areas to be managed primarily for historical preservation purposes (e.g., historical areas, traditional use areas, repatriation locations);

CR03.01 – Develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse project effects of existing and future project facilities, operations and maintenance on cultural resources;

CR03.02 – Develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan based on an understanding of how the operation and maintenance of the project hydroelectric facilities and activities associated with the project (e.g., recreation use/developments, wildlife management, and fuel load management) could affect significant cultural resource values;

CR03.03 – Develop management guidelines addressing the potential effects of project activities on cultural resources, with an emphasis on procedures needed to protect and enhance significant resource values.

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- b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal: By relocating the developed recreation facility at Foreman Creek, intentional and unintentional impacts to significant archaeological site deposits would be stopped or greatly reduced.

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5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing

- a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s): This Resource Action is intended to address several Cultural Resources Issue Statements related to the protection of significant resource values, including those at Foreman Creek. Specific Issue Statement numbers include CRE1, CRE9, CRE21, CRE22, CRE26, and CRE54. Issue Statement number CRE61 may also be addressed, if signage regarding the protection of cultural resources is incorporated into this action.

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- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address: Recreational use of the reservoir and the car-top boat ramp at Foreman Creek is resulting in intentional and unintentional disturbance to significant archaeological deposits and other cultural resource values. This issue must be addressed under CEQA and NEPA, and adverse effects to significant cultural resource values need to be resolved under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to: Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California (Office of Historic Preservation 1997, with update for 2000-2005); Lake Oroville Recreation Plan

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